



USDA, AMS, Poultry Market News Weekly Egg Products Report

12-Metro Area Shell Eggs - week ending 28-Apr-00 - Average retail and invoice prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A or better, white Large eggs in cartons, delivered store door (cents per dozen).

	Northeast	Midwest	Southern	Western	12-Metro Area
This week	61.54	56.58	65.12	83.96	68.87
Last week	70.08	69.24	62.62	86.67	74.28

Selected Cities - 28-Apr-00 **New York** 55-58 **Chicago** 44-49 **California** 89

Weekly Shell Egg and Breaking Stock Inventory - 24-Apr-00 - (30 DOZEN CASES - IN THOUSANDS)

	Northeast	North Central	South Central	South Atlantic	Pacific	5-Area	Breaking Stock	Total
Current week	88.0	184.4	98.0	141.3	155.2	666.9	406.8	1073.7
% change PW	-30	-19	-28	-41	-37	-32	2	-22

Breaking Stock - 28-Apr-00 - prices paid cents/dozen, material exchanged, 30-dozen case equivalent, 48 lb minimum, delivered to breakers.

	Central States 27-30 M 27-28	Eastern Region 24-30 M 25-29
Nest Run		
Checks & Undergrades	12-15	11-16

Eggs Processed under federal inspection week ending 22-Apr-00.
Pounds in Thousands (excludes ingredients)

	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
Current Week	1,109,687	25,898	10,782	5,597	2,663	3,596
Previous Week	1,143,818	27,459	10,409	5,561	2,322	3,854
Last Year	1,103,374	24,808	11,164	6,199	3,126	3,370
% Change PW	-3	-6	4	1	15	-7
% Change LY	1	4	-3	-10	-15	7
To Date 2000	18,051,214	410,498	179,274	97,807	45,726	60,070
To Date 1999	16,702,186	380,968	164,348	90,882	42,104	52,640

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE

Current Week: 41.34 **Previous Week:** 41.34 **Last Year:** 41.27

National Liquid Eggs - 28-Apr-00 - prices paid cents/lb, f.o.b. plant, non-pasteurized trucklots, for delivery within 14 days.

Class	Loads	Range	Wtd. Avg.	Change From Last Week
Whole	12	24-28	26.25	-1.25
Whites	17	28-31	29.53	-.80
Yolks	18	26-30	28.83	1.22

No pasteurized whites or salt yolk prices reported.

Frozen Egg Prices - 28-Apr-00 - wholesale selling price cents/lb, 30-lb containers.

Class	Trucklot	Less-than-Trucklot (min 25 cont.)		
	Eastern	Central	Eastern	South California ²
Whole	38-41 M 39-40	38-41 M 38-39	45-53	43-46
Blends ³	Too Few To Report			-
Whites	40-43	40-43	46-54	45-48
Yolks ⁴				
Sugared	43-48 M 45-46	43-46	50-60	49-52
Salted	41-46 M 41-43	41-43	47-69	46-49

² f.o.b. shipping point

³ whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 28-32% egg solids

⁴ minimum 43% solids

National Dried Egg Prices - 28-Apr-00 - wholesale selling prices \$/lb, in containers, trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes.

Class	Range	Mostly
Whole	1.40 - 1.60	1.40 - 1.50
Yolks	1.05 - 1.20	1.05 - 1.10
Albumen, Spray Dried	2.95 - 3.25	3.00 - 3.15
Blends (whole plus sweetener)	1.12 - 1.25	1.15 - 1.20

Number of Light Hens Sltrd. in Federally Inspected Plants (Thousands) Weekending 22-Apr-00

Fowl Slaughtered in U.S.		U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada		Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered	
This week	2,030	This week	299	This week	2,329
Last week	2,259	Last week	484	Last week	2,743
Last year	2,332	Last year	574	Last year	2,906
To Date 2000	32,590	To Date 2000	8,475	To Date 2000	41,065
To Date 1999	34,945	To Date 1999	7,910	To Date 1999	42,855

Inspected Egg Products

U.S. Exports To Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 15-Apr-00

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	39	0	36	75
Last year*	391	0	0	391
To date 2000	1,667	40	112	1,819
To date 1999	4,127	6	174	4,307

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 15-Apr-00

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	110	6	40	156
Last year*	34	5	0	39
To date 2000	1,981	140	443	2,564
To date 1999	1,207	90	10	1,307

Inspected Shell Eggs

U.S. Exports To Canada, in 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary) week ending - 15-Apr-00

	Jumbo	XLarge	Large	Medium	Ungraded	Misc	Total
Current week	0	770	3,560	1,391	8,220	780	14,721
Last year*	11	928	532	1,575	10,960	750	14,756
To date 2000	246	8,363	38,237	11,058	33,960	4,530	96,394
To date 1999	138	8,005	25,352	13,751	83,159	1,650	132,055

*Comparable week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) - Chickens and Eggs Narrative

Total Layers on 01-Apr-00 totaled 331 million, up 3% from a year ago.

Rate of lay per day for all layers on 01-Apr-00 averaged 70.9 eggs per 100 layers, down slightly from the 71.0 a year ago.

Table/Commercial Egg Producing Layers on 01-Apr-00 = 271 million, up 3% from a year ago.

Rate of lay per day for table egg type on 01-Mar-00 averaged 71.8 eggs per 100 layers, unchanged from 01-Mar-99.

30 Major Egg Production States produced 6.79 billion eggs during Mar-00, up 2% from Mar-99.

Egg Type Chicks Hatched during Mar-00 totaled 39.6 million, down 4% from Mar-99.

Eggs in Incubators totaled 33.2 million on 01-Apr-00, down 11% from a year ago.

Domestic Placement of Egg-Type Pullet Chicks for Future Hatchery Supply Flocks = 286,000 during Mar-00, up 11% from Mar-99.

30 SELECTED STATES

Table egg type layers on 01-Apr-00 = 255.1 million, up 3% from 01-Apr-99.

Eggs per 100 table egg layers on 01-Apr-00 = 73.5, unchanged from 01-Apr-99.

Layers in forced molt on 01-Apr-00 were 2.1%, down 72% from those in molt on 01-Apr-99.

Layers with molt completed on 01-Apr-00 were 22.5%, up 4% from 01-Apr-99.

Layers sold during Mar-00 totaled 17.1 million, up 12% from Mar-99.

Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during Mar-00 were 3.4 million, down 3% from Mar-99.

Pullets less than 20 weeks of age on 01-Apr-00 = 88.9 million, down 1% from 01-Mar-99.

Pullets added during Mar-00 = 23.9 million, up 28% from Mar-99.

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